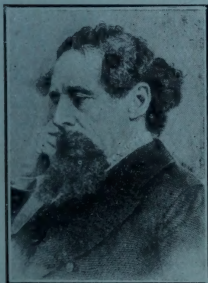


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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. This Association, organized in 1909, shall be known as "The Dickens Fellowship of Montreal."

2. The aims of the Fellowship are identical with those of the Parent Association, inaugurated in London in October, 1902, which are as follows:—

(a) To knit together in a common bond of friendship, lovers of that great master of humour and pathos, Charles Dickens.

(b) To spread the love of humanity, which is the keynote of all his work.

(c) To take such measures as may be expedient to remedy or ameliorate those existing social evils which would have appealed so strongly to the heart of Charles Dickens, and to help in every possible direction the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

(d) To assist in the preservation and purchase of buildings and objects associated with his name and mentioned in his works.

3. The Fellowship shall be open to all without distinction as to class, creed, or nationality, and shall be conducted on broad social lines.

OFFICERS

4. The Executive shall consist of:

President,

First Vice-President,

Second Vice-President,

Honorary Secretary,

Honorary Treasurer,

five other members, of whom three shall be ladies, and the Past Presidents.

These officers shall be elected by ballot, with the exception of the Past Presidents, at the Annual General Meeting, to be held as the last meeting of the season.

5. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings, and call special meetings as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws. He shall have only a casting vote at all divisions, sign all official documents, and attest the minutes of the previous meetings.

6. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President, and in his absence, assume his duties in the order of their seniority.

7. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society and Executive, and conduct all correspondence.

8. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Society, keep a correct account of all

moneys received and paid, and report state of same at each monthly meeting of the Executive.

9. The Executive shall have the care and custody of all the property of the Society, and all general accounts shall be submitted to them before payment.

MEETINGS

10. General meetings of the Fellowship shall be held every month, from October till May ; and the election of officers shall take place at the last meeting of the season.

11. An Executive Meeting shall be held every month throughout the session.

12. Five members of the Executive shall constitute a Quorum.

13. The President shall have power to call a special meeting of the Executive when he deem it

advisable ; and he shall call a meeting at the written request of three members of the Executive.

MEMBERS

14. The membership fee shall be One Dollar per annum, payable in advance, and no one shall be considered a member, till the fee is paid.

15. Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary or other officers of the Fellowship.

Every applicant for membership shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Fellowship, and duly passed upon by the Executive.

16. Members at the General Meeting of the Fellowship shall not speak for, or against a motion more than once, unless by special permission from the Chair.

17. Should a dramatic, musical, or other club be formed in connection with the Fellowship, it may conduct its own affairs, but shall be subject to the General Executive.

18. Members may bring a friend to a meeting of the Fellowship, by applying for an admission card either personally, or in writing, to any member of the Executive, previous to said meeting, but it is hoped that no member will take undue advantage of this privilege.

The Executive has the power to send complimentary tickets or other forms of invitations.

ANNIVERSARY

19. Each anniversary of the birthday of Charles Dickens shall be celebrated by the Fellowship, in a manner to be decided upon by the Executive.

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS

20. No change shall be made in these By-Laws except at a general meeting of the Fellowship, and after due notice of proposed change has been given at the previous monthly meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of the minutes.
2. Business arising out of the minutes.
3. Communications received.
4. Reports of Secretary, Treasurer, and Committees.
5. Election of new members.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.

